

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:


Please amend claims 1 and 17, and cancel claims 15 and 22, without prejudice, and add claims 26-29, as follows:

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1. (Currently amended - Claim 1 amended to include dependent claim 15) A dike section having a length and a containment side against which a liquid to be contained bears, the dike section comprising

a first elongate bladder formed of a flexible material to contain a liquid,
and

a second elongate bladder formed of a flexible material to contain a liquid,
the first elongate bladder and the second elongate bladder extending in side by side relation at least along a said length of the dike section; 

at least one wall dividing the first elongate bladder from the second elongate bladder, the wall formed to prevent any flow of liquid from the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder, and

a substantially liquid-tight sheet of material extending over the dike from a position beneath the dike section to cover the containment side to a position above the liquid to be contained.

2. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein the first elongate bladder and the second elongate bladder are secured together.

3. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein the first elongate bladder and the second elongate bladder are formed separately.

4. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein a sealable port is provided in each bladder to provide for access to the interior of the bladder.

5. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein a pressure release valve is provided in a wall of at least one of the first elongate bladder and the second elongate bladder.

6. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein a pressure monitoring means is positioned in communication with the interior of at least one of the bladders of the dike section, the pressure monitoring means being selected to emit a signal if the pressure in the bladder in which it is in communication falls below a preselected level.

7. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 used to form a dike.

8. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein the bladders are filled with a liquid.

9. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 including at least on additional bladder, the first elongate bladder, the second elongate bladder and the at least one additional bladder arranged in a pyramidal configuration including a base layer of bladders and a second layer of bladders positioned on the base layer of bladders.

10. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 9 wherein the first elongate bladder, the second elongate bladder and the at least on additional bladder are secured together.

11. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein the first elongate bladder comprises a tube closed at its ends and having a side wall and a long axis extending between the ends; a membrane extending across the interior of the tube parallel with the long axis thereof and at least one port for access to the interior of the bladder.

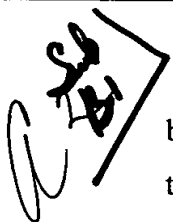
12. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 11 wherein the membrane is solid.

13. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 11 wherein the membrane is perforated.

14. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein the first elongate bladder comprises a tube closed at its ends and having a side wall and a long axis extending between the ends, at least one end of the bladder being folded back a selected distance over the bladder; an end reinforcing sleeve for securing the end in folded configuration against the bladder and at least one port for access to the interior of the bladder.

/ 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The dike section as defined in claim 1 wherein the dike section includes a containment side against which liquid to be contained bears and the dike section further comprises a substantially liquid-tight sheet of material positioned against the containment side and extending out away from the dike section over a ground surface on which the dike section is positioned.

 17. (Currently amended-to include dependent claim 22) An elongate dike bladder comprising: a tube closed at its ends and having a wall and a long axis between the ends, the tube formed to be flexible and water-tight; at least one port for access to the interior of the bladder; and a pressure release valve in said wall.

18. (Original) The elongate dike bladder of claim 17 wherein an end of the bladder is folded back a selected distance over the bladder and the bladder further comprises an end reinforcing sleeve for securing the end in folded configuration against the bladder.

19. (Original) The elongate dike bladder of claim 17 further comprising a membrane extending across the interior of the tube parallel with the long axis thereof.

20. (Original) The elongate dike bladder of claim 19 wherein the membrane is solid.

21. (Original) The elongate dike bladder of claim 19 wherein the membrane is perforated.

✓ 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) The elongate dike bladder of claim 17 wherein a pressure monitoring means is positioned in communication with the interior of the bladder, the pressure monitoring means being selected to emit a signal if the pressure in the bladder falls below a preselected level.

24. (Original) The elongate dike bladder of claim 17 used to form a dike.

25. (Original) The elongate dike bladder of claim 17 filled with a liquid.

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26. (Represented - formerly dependent claim 12) A dike section having a length and comprising
a first elongate bladder formed of a flexible material to contain a liquid, the first elongate bladder comprising a tube closed at its ends and having a side wall and a long axis extending between the ends,
a membrane extending across the interior of the tube parallel with the long axis thereof and at least one port for access to the interior of the bladder, said membrane being solid,

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a second elongate bladder formed of a flexible material to contain a liquid,
the first elongate bladder and the second elongate bladder extending in side by side
relation at least along said length of the dike section,

at least one wall dividing the first elongate bladder from the second
elongate bladder, the wall formed to prevent any flow of liquid from the first elongate
bladder to the second elongate bladder.

27. (Represented - formerly dependent claim 16) A dike section having a
length and a containment side against which a liquid to be contained bears, the dike
section having a length and comprising

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a first elongate bladder formed of a flexible material to contain a liquid,

a second elongate bladder formed of a flexible material to contain a liquid,
the first elongate bladder and the second elongate bladder extending in side by side
relation at least along a length of the dike section,

at least one wall dividing the first elongate bladder from the second
elongate bladder, the wall formed to prevent any flow of liquid from the first elongate
bladder to the second elongate bladder, and

a substantially liquid-tight sheet of material positioned against the
containment side and extending out away from the dike section over a ground surface on
which the dike section is positioned.

28. (Represented - formerly dependent claim 20) An elongate dike bladder
comprising: a tube closed at its ends and having a wall and a long axis between the ends,
the tube formed to be flexible and water-tight, at least one port for access to the interior of
the bladder, and a membrane extending across the interior of the tube parallel with the
long axis thereof, the membrane being solid..

29. (Represented - formerly dependent claim 23) An elongate dike bladder
comprising: a tube closed at its ends and having a wall and a long axis between the ends,
the tube formed to be flexible and water-tight; at least one port for access to the interior of

the bladder; and a pressure monitoring means positioned in communication with the interior of the bladder, the pressure monitoring means being selected to emit a signal if the pressure in the bladder falls below a preselected level.

30. (New) An elongate dike bladder for receiving fluid, the bladder comprising
- a first wall portion having opposing side edges,
 - a separate, second wall portion having opposing side edges, and
 - membrane having opposing side edges and being disposed between the first and second wall portions,
- one of the opposing side edges of each the first wall portion, the second wall portion, and the membrane being secured together in a sealing relation,
- the other of the opposing side edges of each the first wall portion, the second wall portion, and the membrane being secured together in a sealing relation,
- such that the first wall portion and the membrane form a first chamber for receiving fluid, and the second side wall portion and the membrane for a second chamber for receiving fluid.
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